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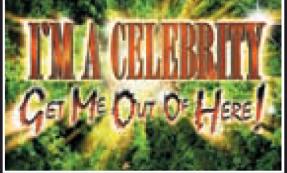


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**Emma B swapped
for Starsky and
Hutch sidekick**

EXCLUSIVE

BLONDE bombshell Emma B is sensationally out of telly's I'm A Celebrity, leaving lover Brian Harvey alone in the telly jungle. Taking her place will be American dude Antonio Fargas – who played Huggy Bear in 70s hit Starsky and Hutch – even though he's never seen the show.

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**FIVE
DAYS TO GO**

STOP TRYING TO RULE WORLD PM TELLS BUSH

Blair gets tough with US



U-TURN: Blair stands up to Bush



by MACER HALL
Political Editor

TONY BLAIR last night told George Bush to stop trying to rule the world.

Ending his refusal to criticise the US President, the Premier urged America to work more closely with other countries to defeat terrorism.

His tough message came as US Secretary of State Colin Powell, one of the few moderates in Mr Bush's team, quit the US Government.

MPs fear his departure could make the US government more hardline.

Mr Blair has been under pressure to show he is not Mr Bush's "poodle".

In a speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet at London's Guildhall last night, Mr Blair openly stood up to Mr Bush for the first time. He said: "Europe and America should be working together to bring the democratic human and political rights we take for granted to the world without them.

"None of this will work unless America reaches out."

At Westminster, his speech was seen as a coded message to the President to stop "going it alone" with military strikes.

Strikes

Mr Blair also urged Brits and Europeans to stop mocking Bush. He said: "It's not a sensible or intelligent response for us in Europe to ridicule American arguments and parody their leadership.

"What is sensible is for Europe to say terrorism won't be beaten by toughness alone."

Earlier, the PM praised Mr Powell. He said: "He is a remarkable man and has been a great friend to this country."

● Last night terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi told followers to fight troops in Iraq.

He said in a new audio tape that US and UK forces were overstretched and rebels should strike before they are hunted down.

Al-Zarqawi, who last month beheaded Brit Ken Bigley, urged them to "shower the enemy with rockets and mortars and cut off all supply routes".



FUMING:
MP George
Galloway
who is
suing for
libel. Inset,
him with
Saddam



Galloway 'rocked'

MAVERICK MP George Galloway was rocked by claims he was paid thousands of pounds by Saddam Hussein, the High Court in London heard yesterday.

The Glasgow Kelvin MP said a series of articles published in April 2003 by the Daily Telegraph were "outrageous" and "incredibly damaging" to his reputation.

The articles followed the paper's discovery of documents in the Iraqi foreign ministry in Baghdad detailing connections between Mr Galloway and Saddam's intelligence services.

Mr Galloway, 50, who is suing for libel, objects to the interpretation the newspaper placed on them and claims he was not given sufficient time to answer the allegations.

● He told Mr Justice Eady, who is trying the case without a jury: "The allegations are serious and extremely damaging. The Telegraph does not say that they are true."

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Judge slags tag-a-lag

DAVID BLUNKETT faces a scathing attack today for letting hardened crooks out of jail early. His electronic tagging scheme, which lets lags serve up to five months of their sentence at home, will be blasted in a new report.

And another of the Home Secretary's sentencing policies, which sees crooks get a short spell in jail followed by a longer period of "community punishment", will be criticised for having "little or

no value" in deterring criminals.

The independent report drawn up Lord Coulsfield will say letting convicts out early "creates a lack of public confidence in the system".

The judge will call for jail terms to "mean what they say".

Last night, Shadow Home Secretary David Davis said: "David Blunkett is more obsessed with emptying prisons than punishing criminals."

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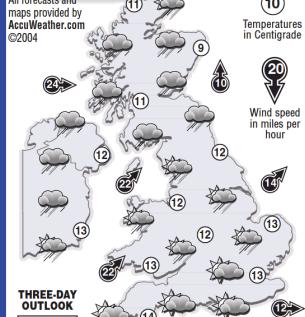
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OUTLOOK: Staying cloudy and windy with patchy light rain or drizzle over much of the UK. More persistent rain may fall over Northern Ireland and the Lake District.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Cool

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Australia	2.41 dollars
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Cyprus	0.83 pounds
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LUSCIOUS
Natasha looks a real gem in her pearls, but she's never one to string the fellas along.

The 20-year-old Norwich beauty's dream date is in a pub sipping beer.

And her fav food? Pancakes. Although funny enough that's the last dish we'd think of when looking at this hot shot of our upfront babe.

Natasha



Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

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CHEW D'YA RECKON IS TOP BOSS?



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: Sir Alex, Big Sam and Arsene

TOP soccer bosses have got a new title to get their teeth into – the fastest gum in the league.

Managers who are down in the mouth about their on-the-pitch results can score by giving their chewing gum an extra bite.

And there will even be a trophy – plus a gum disposal box – for the gaffer who turns out to be the champion of the touche.

Premiership big guns Manchester United and Chelsea are favourites, thanks to jaw-grinding bosses Sir Alex Ferguson, 62, and Jose Mourinho, 41.

Video

But Arsenal's Arsene Wenger, 55, will have to speed up if he wants another piece of silverware for his already bulging trophy cabinet.

The competition is the mouth-watering scheme of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) which will trawl the leagues down to the Conference.

Experts will study video evidence to find which boss comes out top.

They will also check how many sticks of gum each manager gets through in 90 min-

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

utes spent anxiously prowling the touche-line. The RSC's Brian Emsley said: "Ron Atkinson was the great chewing gum legend. He is no longer managing, but he was one of the people who started the trend."

"And Arsene Wenger chews like a Frenchman – elegantly. There are lots of managers who chew discreetly, but people like Sam Allardyce and Sir Alex Ferguson are in a different league."

Big Sam Allardyce – from Bolton in Lancashire, by gum – has already been analysed and has set a daunting target for his rivals to beat.

Mr Emsley said: "When working on his chewing gum, his six glands would generate five millilitres of saliva each minute for the first 20 minutes, and 1.5ml per minute for the remaining 70 minutes of the average game."

The competition is being run to mark the centenary of the death of chewing gum's inventor, Thomas Adams.

But there's no room for bosses who can't last the pace.

The RSC will only consider managers who are filmed chewing for at least two minutes.

TV crisp gag just ad to go

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

TELLY chiefs have banned an ad that shows Gordon Ramsay serving Gary Lineker's head up on a plate.

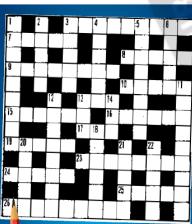
The fiery chef was supposed to dish up the soccer pundit's bonce for a new Walkers Crisps commercial. But the ad had to be reshotted after the beheading of Iraq hostage Ken Bigley, the Hell's Kitchen star has revealed.

Gordon said: "Originally Gary's head ended up on a plate.

"But because of the awful thing that happened to Ken Bigley, we had to change it."

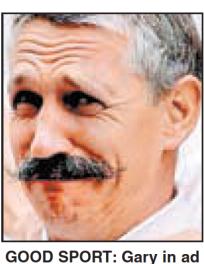
Now viewers see sparks fly when the foul-mouthed chef finds his Great British Dinners crisps have gone missing.

He told Radio Times: "Gary is a good sport but I had to shout at him a lot."



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GOOD SPORT: Gary in ad

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GRIM: Ron yesterday

Sorry Ron a £1.5m loser

■ by ELIZABETH JAMES SHAMED soccer pundit Ron Atkinson's racist remark has cost him a whopping £1.5million.

Big Ron was forced to quit his ITV job and was axed from big-money advertising deals after being heard describing former Chelsea star Marcel Desailly as a "f***ing lazy, thick n***er" on live TV.

But the former soccer boss says he isn't bothered about the cash – he's simply fed up with having to keep saying sorry, seven months on.

Atkinson, who insists he isn't a racist, said: "It's not about the money, I've never bleated about that.

Sick

"I'm apologised out. In fact, I'm almost talked out. I don't think I can do any more. Have I got to walk on my hands and knees for the rest of my life?"

The ex-Manchester United boss, 65, also told GMTV yesterday he was sick of having to watch every word he said.

ITV chiefs accepted Ron's resignation from his £200,000-a-year contract within hours of his outburst, made after Chelsea's Champions League defeat in Monaco when he thought he was off-air.

He was also dropped as the face of soft drinks firm 7-Up's ad campaign.

But he'll be back on TV later this month – taking race awareness lessons on the BBC show What Ron Said.

Year of the Ant

GEORDIE duo Ant and Dec have been voted Men of the Year.

The I'm A Celebrity and Saturday Night Takeaway hosts topped a Radio Times poll. Bolton's finest Peter Kay, star of Phoenix Nights and the John Smith's ads, was runner-up for the title.

Olympic double golden girl Kelly Holmes was Woman of the Year.

Sharon Osbourne, who has battled cancer – and been standing up to Simon Cowell on ITV's The X Factor – took second place.

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5 DAYS TO GO

EXCLUSIVE ■ by PETER DYKE Mr Reality TV

JIVE talkin' 1970s telly star Huggy Bear is the shock final contestant to join the stars in the telly jungle for I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here!

Cool dude actor Antonio Fargas, who played the hip police informer in smash hit Starsky and Hutch, has signed up for the ITV1 reality show – even though he's never seen an episode.

Sources claim the 57-year-old American was persuaded to take part – but had hoped to keep his identity secret until the official time-up is released today.

An insider said: "David thought Antonio would be perfect for the show. He's quick-witted, sharp and very, very funny. Lots of young viewers won't have a clue who he is ... but they'll soon find out."

Producers had hinted that a cult American TV star would be taking part – but had hoped to keep his identity secret until the official time-up is released today.

Hoping

Rumours had spread that 73-year-old Star Trek legend William Shatner had been signed up.

However the telly studios were buzzing with news that Fargas was the shock addition to the line-up.

He became a household name during the run of Starsky and Hutch. Although he was consulted about last year's film version of the show, starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson, 34, he wasn't offered a cameo role.

Rapper Snoop Dogg, 32, was called in to play Huggy Bear in the blockbuster film.

"That's Hollywood for you," said Fargas. "After picking your brain and making you think you might be involved, they decide not to pay you that courtesy after all."

"I was hoping for a cameo because I knew the fans would love to see some of the original cast and I thought the film might stir up some interest so we could work together again."

Paul Michael Glaser, 60, and David Soul, 60 – who played the title roles of the two cops in the original TV Starsky & Hutch – both had small parts in the film. Antonio shares his home in Los Angeles, with his girlfriend Sandy.

He spends a lot of time in the UK, where he has appeared in Holby City as a Parkinson's sufferer and on stage in the West End in The Blues Brothers.

Away from showbiz he is staunchly committed to a non-violence crusade, visiting schools to talk to children about gang culture.

While many youngsters will not have seen Starsky & Hutch, Antonio has become a cult hero among American rappers.

He has appeared in a number of music videos, including one with Snoop Dogg.

Dosh for a nosh

CELEBS are set to blow a staggering £50,000 on a lavish "last supper" before they go off to the jungle camp. They will pig out and drink as much as bubbly and beer as they like during a farewell meal with their loved ones.

"Some of those at the jungle camp are likely to have hangovers from hell," said an insider.

Ex-contestant Peter Andre, 31, said: "I suggest they eat and drink for England."

"In the jungle, the tucker they'll be given is pretty bad."



BIG FEED: Peter Andre

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Golden girl Tara

■ UPPER-CRUST babe Tara Palmer-Tomkinson stocks up on supplies as she gets set for another stint in the telly jungle.

Tara, 32, was spotted out and about in Surfers Paradise, on Australia's Gold Coast.

■ She's been topping up her tan before the start of I'm a Celebrity at the weekend – as well as picking up a few essentials.

Tara will once again be part of the presenting line-up, hosting a spin-off show on ITV2.

QUEENS OF THE JUNGLE
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EMMA'S OUT FOR LOVE OF E17 BRI

SEXY Emma B has given up £75,000 – and the chance to be Queen of the Jungle – for the love of Brian Harvey.

The blonde bombshell has dramatically quit I'm A Celebrity at the 11th hour.

Emma, 24, agonised over her decision before finally breaking the news to programme-makers.

She feared the pressure of being one half of the reality show's first celeb couple could have caused a rift in her romance with the former East 17 star.

It means Emma has kissed goodbye to the fee she was due for spending two weeks in the jungle. But the busty blonde insisted: "It's not about the money ... money can't buy me love."

"Me and Brian never row and are very much in love but I feared what would happen in the jungle. I was worried the pressures would get to us and we'd fall out."

"I love Brian too much to take that risk."

Brian, 30, who is also being paid £75,000, had offered to pull out, too.

Apart

But Emma told her partner of four years: "You'll do nothing of the sort ... you need this more than me. Go for it!"

The two have been kept apart by telly producers as part of the I'm a Celebrity deal and were not due to be reunited until they arrived in the jungle.

A pal said of Emma's agonising: "It was very emotional and very tearful. They were on the phone for hours.

"Emma had begun to have

EXCLUSIVE

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

serious misgivings. It was obvious that the producers wouldn't want a lovelovey-dovey couple and they would try to cause some friction.

That prospect really worried Emma.

"She was also concerned about her family, who'd already been hassled. And she had some creepy emails and messages on Friends Reunited."

■ CELEBS signed up so far include former All Saint Natalie Appleton, 31; Kylie's ex-lover James Gooding, 29; comic Joe Pasquale, 43; Three Degrees star Sheila Ferguson, 56, and 27-year-old bra model Sophie Anderton.

Jungle stars in the money

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

TELLY bosses have offered massive pay packets to lure stars into the Aussie jungle for I'm A Celebrity. Insiders say most of the celebs heading Down Under this weekend will pocket between £50,000 and £75,000.

The bumper deals beat the average £30,000 to £50,000 believed to have been paid to the last bunch of stars to tackle the jungle challenge earlier this year. But TV chiefs are refusing to smash the record £100,000 they paid glamour girl Kate Price, aka Jordan, 26.

Football legend Paul Gascoigne, 37, has already been dumped after reportedly demanding £120,000.

A source said: "There's a lot of money involved to make sure fans get another cracking series."

"But ITV are confident they will get value for money from the line-up."



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Just give us justice

DAVID BLUNKETT has been found guilty of failing us on immigration.

Yesterday he was in the dock accused of wrecking our judicial system, too.

The Home Secretary has become the Cabinet's weakest link.

His latest embarrassment concerns his absurd scheme to allow convicts early release from prison.

An independent inquiry headed by judge Lord Coulson says the policy has undermined public confidence.

Jail terms should "mean what they say" and a criminal sentenced to two years in prison should serve the full period.

The Daily Star has been calling for such a common-sense strategy throughout Mr Blunkett's disastrous reign.

But he simply hasn't listened.

Lord Coulson and his expert team spent 12 months working on their study.

They consulted with 500 individuals and groups and toured sites around the country.

Their damning verdict on Mr Blunkett has a mass of evidence to support it.

When is Tony Blair going to send him down?

Lawyers court out

THE public are to be asked if they want court cases televised.

And we're confident the answer will be: "YES!"

It's only the legal profession that's insisted that the cameras should be kept out.

Barristers, solicitors and judges have all closed ranks to stop "trial by TV".

They've argued that the courts will become a circus and witnesses will play up for the telly audience.

That's nonsense!

The real reason they're opposed is that they fear the public will decide they don't do enough to earn their fat fees.

TV will not only allow people to see whether or not justice is being done.

It will also allow them to monitor the performance of our learned friends.

Inn trouble

WAYNE ROONEY has been drinking in a low-price boozer, despite earning £50,000 a week.

What could have forced him to count the pennies... Coleen's shopping bill?

IT'S THE VEND FOR RECORD STORES



■ by GARY NICKS

MUSIC fans will soon be downloading their pop hits with a pint down the pub.

Hi-tech music vending terminals are about to appear in bars, petrol stations and shopping centres.

For around £1 per track, customers will be able to download songs directly onto their portable players or mobile phones.

Stations

Industry experts say the easy-to-use machines could spell doom for traditional record stores.

Downloading is now a massive market with its own chart which features stars such as U2, Eminem, Dido, Westlife, Destiny's Child and Daniel Bedingfield. The new terminals will have a database of more than two million songs.

They will be piloted at London's Waterloo and King's Cross rail stations next week before a nationwide roll-out next year.

That will see them installed at a huge list of venues - even incorporated in drinks vending machines.

The move comes just a week after Tesco launched a similar initiative in its supermarkets. "All you need is a

mobile phone or an MP3 player and a coin or credit card," said Norman Crowley, chief executive of the firm behind the move, Inspired Broadcast Networks. The firm already has 8,000 entertainment machines in pubs and betting shops. They will be updated to offer the new service. Downloading has become so popular that weekly sales are tipped to sail past the average 400,000 singles sold over the counter.

The Official UK Charts Company said more than 210,000 tracks were downloaded last week - nearly double the figure at the launch just two months ago.

Top of the flops

TOP Of The Pops is facing the axe after a major revamp failed to boost ratings.

Britain's longest-running TV music show has lost more than a million viewers, despite a £2million relaunch last year.

Now sources say BBC bosses have decided to scrap the 40-year-old show in the spring after ratings fell to three million.

BBC1 head Lorraine Heggessey admitted last year the show's future was at risk.

HOT HITS IN STORE: Tesco launches its scheme

£50k-A-WEEK ROO'S CUT PRICE BOOZER

Picture: BIGPICTURES



DOG AND BONE: Wayne's fiancée Coleen chats on her mobile as she walks her dog Fiz

EXCLUSIVE

■ by JOHN MAHONEY
SUPER-RICH football ace Wayne Rooney has a cut-price boozier as his new local.

But bar staff wouldn't serve the baby-faced striker until he'd shown some ID.

The £50,000-a-week Manchester United hotshot is clearly keen to save his pennies. He's made several visits with pals to the pub.

And although he's a familiar face to United and England fans, bar staff clearly weren't impressed when he first dropped in for his favourite tipple – a double vodka and Red Bull.

Rooney, 19, was asked for proof that he was old enough to drink.

But another member of staff spared his blushes by stepping in and saying it was OK to serve him.

The Bollin Fee pub in Wilmslow, Cheshire, is part of the cut-price Wetherspoon chain and just a corner kick away from United boss Sir Alex Ferguson's front door. A double



MY ROUND: Rooney likes a cheap tipple, even if staff did demand ID

vodka and Red Bull there costs the £27 million star just £2.49. At any of the posh wine bars nearby, it would cost him almost £7.

Last night, pub manager Aaron Fraser said: "Wayne and his friends have been in several times for a few drinks with some bar food.

Quizzed

"He likes the double vodkas with Red Bull, while his mates drink Smirnoff Ice. They are a really pleasant bunch of lads."

One of the pub team admitted that former Everton ace Rooney had been quizzed about his age by a member of staff who didn't recognise him.

He said: "Most of us knew it was Wayne Rooney the moment he walked through the door.

"But there was one barmen on that night who hadn't got the foggiest idea who he was. To be fair, he

does look very young. Luckily, one of the bar staff stepped in and said it was absolutely fine for Wayne to be served.

"Rooney just laughed and said he hadn't been asked to prove his age before."

Wayne stumbled on his new local after moving out of his £900,000 mansion in Formby, Merseyside. He is now renting a house with fiancée Coleen McLoughlin, 18, in Wilmslow while

their new £2.5m home – already dubbed Wayne's World – is being built.

Meanwhile, Coleen has been out on the town herself... taking her chow-chow Fiz for walks near her parents' home in Liverpool.

Wayne bought the £750 pooch for her in the summer. It's certainly anything but a dog's life as a foot-baller's wife-to-be.

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CLEAN CUT: Prius
Stars'
winning
wheels

THE world's greenest family car, favourite of stars such as Cameron Diaz and Leonardo DiCaprio, has been named European Car of the Year.

Global demand for the £17,500 Toyota Prius – which does 65 miles to the gallon UK sales soaring 636% on 2003.

Prius switches automatically from petrol to electric drive, giving a huge cut in emissions in heavy traffic.

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The firm is now building a new factory in China to cope with demand.

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■ SMASH-HIT movie *The Incredibles* is set to become the most successful animated film ever after taking \$51million (£28m) at the US box office in its second week of release – \$5m (£2.7m) more than *Finding Nemo*.

RUMOUR TRAGEDY

A TEENAGE girl downed sparkling wine then hanged herself after hearing false rumours that her boyfriend was about to dump her, an inquest heard yesterday.

Kathryn Wise, 14, of Alton, Hants, received messages from pals who had misunderstood a message from Sam Smith saying he was not able to meet up with her.

But coroner Andrew Bradley it was not certain she intended to kill herself. Verdict: Open.

■ BRITAIN'S most married man tied the knot for the eighth time yesterday. Former holiday camp entertainer Ron Sheppard, 56, wed 26-year-old Filipino Weng Platino at the register office in Newport, Isle of Wight.

Gay killing: 6 accused

A GIRL of 14 and five youths made their first appearance at the Old Bailey yesterday accused of murdering gay barman David Morley.

Mr Morley, 37, of Chiswick, west London, was beaten to death last month on London's South Bank near the Royal Festival Hall.

Mr Morley survived the nail bomb attack on the Admiral Duncan Pub in Soho five years ago. The Common Serjeant of London, Judge Peter Beaumont adjourned the case until January 24.

The six deny murder, conspiracy to rob and violent disorder. They were remanded in custody.

LEGEND OF PONCHO

CATHERINE Zeta Jones, 35, has been knitting ponchos for Xmas gifts during filming in Mexico of her new movie Legend of Zorro.



ESCAPE: Young passengers are led to safety after their train hit crossing gates yesterday

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Coldest winter in years on the way

A BIG freeze set to be Britain's coldest winter in years could begin next week, forecasters said yesterday. A series of cold snaps – one a month – and plummeting temperatures are predicted.

During December and January, maximum temperatures could be just 6°C (43°F) in London and 4°C (39°F) in the North – making it one of the coldest winters after 1947 and 1963.

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SCHOOLKIDS CHEAT DEATH IN NEW RAIL NIGHTMARE

DOZENS of schoolchildren cheated death yesterday when their train smashed through a level crossing.

The commuter train ploughed through a wooden gate, missing a van by inches.

Almost 90 passengers, mainly children on their way to school, were on the train.

Amazingly, only one person was injured in the chilling echo of the Berkshire train disaster.

The accident happened yesterday morning at a manned crossing in Rowston, Lincolnshire.

Last night experts were investigating the incident, which came 10 days after seven people died when an express ploughed into a car on a crossing in Ufton Nervet, Berks.

Yesterday's smash hap-



PROBE: Investigators at the scene

pened shortly after the Lincoln to Peterborough service – used mainly by children going to schools in nearby Sleaford – left Metheringham station.

The train hit the gate at a crossing leading to a

farm. British Transport Police later revealed a van was waiting to drive over the tracks at the time.

Bang

Last night they were quizzing the gatekeeper responsible for operating the gates by hand, who was suspended from duty.

Passenger Richard Jerman, 17, said: "There was a loud bang, then the train began to wobble.

"It screeched to a halt after going down the track, but stayed on the rails. It was scary at first, but people were quite calm."

Sgt Harry Berry of British Transport Police said: "At the time of the collision one of the barriers was shut and one was open."

Widow's grief

THE train driver killed in the Berkshire rail crash had never feared level crossings, his widow said last night.

Stanley Martin, 54, was driving the train which hit a car on a crossing killing seven people. Deborah Martin, 43, right, said: "Knowing people died would have devastated him."





Watch on way home

■ by TONY LEONARD

THE Black Watch could be on their way home within days now the US assault on Fallujah is at an end.

Army chiefs want to pull them out of the danger zone south of Baghdad early, senior sources have revealed.

And US commanders have been told they will not be replaced by any other British troops, including the Scots Guards.

Rage

The Black Watch, led in Iraq by Lt Col James Cowan, was asked to block extremists fleeing the rebel capital.

US commanders had expected the battle in Fallujah, codenamed Operation Phantom Fury, to rage for two weeks.

But the storming by 10,000 US Marines has only lasted eight days.

A senior military source said: "If Fallujah finishes sooner than expected, we can bring the Black Watch home early."

Private Scott Wheelans, 23, from Fife, said: "All the lads want to do is just finish the job and get home."

JAGUAR sold its Formula One racing operation in Milton Keynes yesterday to Austrian drinks firm Red Bull. Jaguar also sold off its Cosworth engineering arm to US Champ car bosses Kevin Kalkhoven and Gerald Forsythe. The deals save 930 jobs.

Blair nod for hunt

TONY Blair will today back a last-ditch bid to save foxhunting.

The PM will vote for a compromise move allowing licensed hunting after the Lords last night supported his rescue plan.

The Bill goes back to the Commons today where MPs, who want a total ban, have the final say.

But the PM wants licensed hunting approved as he fears a backlash from hunt fans before the election if it is banned.

Last night his spokesman said: "He thinks it is right to register his support for compromise."

PHIL BID FOR C4

BROOKSIDE creator Phil Redmond wants to buy Channel 4 – the station on which his show ran for 21 years from 1982.

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LOOK OUT: Bob Geldof arrives at the studios with daughter Pixie



REHEARSAL BREAK: Chris Martin and his Coldplay pals go shopping in Notting Hill

Tight security to stop pirates ripping off hit

BOB Geldof fears ruthless pirates could rip off the new Band Aid single – robbing starving kids.

Band Aid bosses have mounted a massive security operation to stop racketeers cashing in on the track.

Even Geldof and Midge Ure have been kept away from the final cut of Do They Know It's Christmas which is due to be sent to radio stations across the country this morning.

The clampdown comes after Geldof revealed "starkening" bootlegs copies of the 1985 Live Aid concert cost the charity millions before he released a genuine version last month.

Battle

A spokesman said: "There is unbelievable security around the release of this track. We want to ensure the public know what they buy is genuine."

Meanwhile U2 legend Bono has won the battle of the voices with Justin Hawkins to sing the special line on the track – after making a last-minute dash to the studio.

The Irish singer has triumphed in the contest to sing the soaring lyric, "Well tonight thank God it's them instead of you".

Darkness lead man Hawkins had said the U2 star was too old to sing the line he recorded on the first single 20 years ago.

He had claimed his version was "better than Bono's" and that he had "put Bono's nose out of joint".

But Bono flew into London at 9pm on Sunday to sing it again.

But he revealed: "It's a line I really, really loathed. I still do. I hated singing it in the first place. I certainly didn't want to sing it again."

He said he sounded "like



LOST FOR WORDS: Justin Hawkins

adding: "To be honest, the line was always going to be Bono's."

Profits from the single will go to help starving and homeless people in the Darfur region of Sudan.

The single is expected to sell more than 500,000 copies in its first week of release on November 29.

It will be available only on CD and retails at £3.99.

■ by PAUL GREAVES

Bruce Springsteen sitting on the toilet".

The new track also features contributions from Coldplay, Dido, Paul McCartney, Rachel Stevens and Joss Stone.

A Band Aid spokeswoman last night claimed Justin's comments had been "tongue in cheek"

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TREAT: David Beckham

El of a spread Becks

DAVID Beckham played the perfect host by treating teammates to a meal in Madrid ahead of tomorrow's friendly with Spain.

The Real Madrid midfielder welcomed fellow England stars – including boss Sven Goran Eriksson – by taking them out to his favourite eatery last night. He chose the menu at posh Basque restaurant El Asador Donostiarra.

Generous

And the 60-strong party were given a VIP room for the meal, which consisted of ham and salad starters followed by meat or fish.

The pudding was pine-apple and ice cream.

Beckham dines regularly at the restaurant with wife Victoria and several signed photos of the England captain adorn the walls.

A restaurant spokesman said: "It was a very nice gesture but then again David is a very generous man."

"He always leaves a massive tip when he visits us"

Year of the Hunks:
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CHEEKY
Bryan York faces a large fine after knocking the letter "B" off a neon sign outside a night-club called Banus.

York, 20, had been drinking and was "deeply ashamed", Weymouth magistrates heard.

Jeremy lashed

TOP Gear's Jeremy Clarkson has been slammed for churning up a mountainside in a 4x4.

Angry conservationists say he damaged heather and peat bogs in the new Land Rover Discovery.

And they claim it will take the fragile land of Ben Tongue in Scotland's far north, hundreds of years to recover from Clarkson's attempt to drive the first car to the summit on the BBC2 show.

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland fear others will copy his stunt at other conservation sites.

The BBC said: "It was filmed on private property, with permission."

MONEY HONEYS

BRITISH women in their twenties prefer money, clothes and high-flying careers to marriage, says a study by B magazine.

LET'S GIVE TEEN GIRLS SEX JABS SAYS HODGE

■ by MACER HALL

CHILDREN'S Minister Margaret Hodge sparked anger last night by calling for teenage girls to be given contraceptive jabs.

The controversial Government frontbencher said school nurses should offer the injections to slash soaring numbers of teen pregnancies.

But critics said the move would only encourage youngsters to have underage sex.

Ms Hodge said: "What is really interesting is this contraceptive injection.

"If people are having sex, you don't want them to have babies at that age.

"You do want children to put off having sex at such a young age.

"You do want them to have appropriate contraceptives and you want responsibility from such girls and boys."

Ms Hodge believes the move is needed as Britain has Europe's highest teen pregnancy rate. She said: "I am really worried."

But last night, the Conservatives attacked the move for promoting promiscuity. Shadow Health Minister Tim Loughton said: "The minister is touting long-term contraceptive injections as a solution for teenage pregnancies.

Rising

"The fact is that the number of under-age girls who have received these injections over the past five years has already increased by two-and-a-half times.

"And the teenage pregnancy rate is still rising.

"Most worryingly, however, this has been at the expense of teenagers contracting sexually transmitted infections."

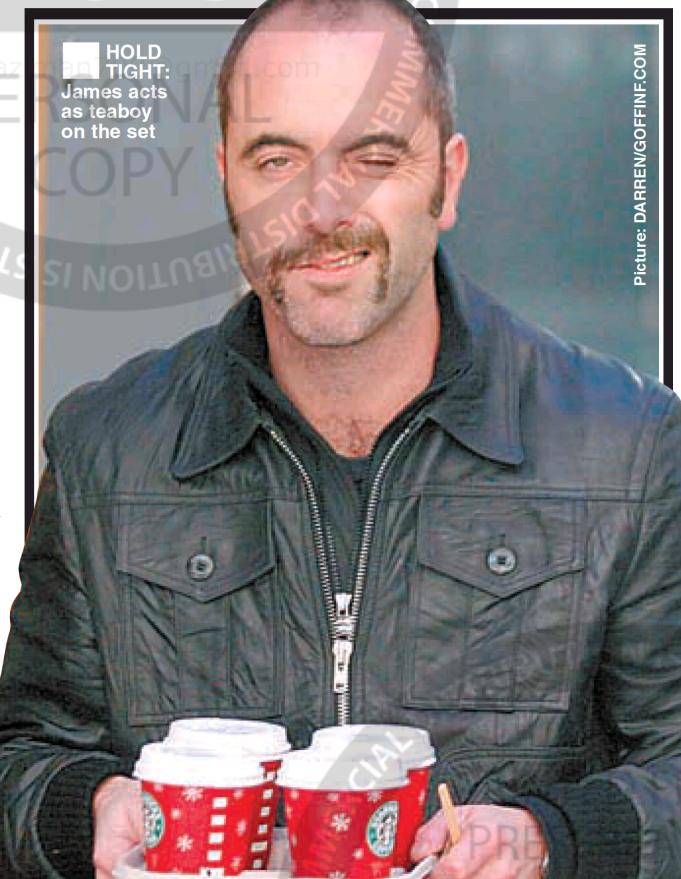
And family campaigner Dr Adrian Rogers said last night: "The policies of abstinence have never been properly tried."

Meanwhile, girls as young as 12 are going to be taught that in an ideal world under-age sex would be legal – and abortions free for all.

A new sex education guide is being launched today.

It uses a cartoon booklet to teach girls to masturbate and to paint a picture of a perfect, sex-fuelled society.

The teacher's guide has been made by the Family Planning Association, with a £486,699 grant from the National Lottery.



Picture: DARREN GOFFINE.COM

Jim coughs up for coffee

COP a load of this! Irish actor James Nesbitt has started filming a new series of his gritty police drama *Murphy's Law*.

The *Cold Feet* star, 39, was snapped getting in the coffees and enjoying a quick smoke on the set in London.

He'll play Det Sgt Tommy Murphy in a third series of the hit BBC show.

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WORRIED: Margaret Hodge

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LOGAN ON THE WAGON



TV babe Gabby Logan has quit the booze after her football legend dad Terry Yorath admitted his drinking shame.

The 31-year-old blonde went on the wagon after former Leeds United star Terry, 54, narrowly escaped jail for drink-driving.

ITV sports presenter Gabby said: "I got into the habit of a couple of glasses of wine with my meal and thought, 'This isn't good', so I've stopped."

QUIT: Gabby Logan

Killer pub crawl

BOOZY Graham Mee died after a four-hour pub crawl - having already downed a bottle of Bacardi, Newcastle Brown Ale and a half bottle of Southern Comfort.

He then drank doubles at 10 pubs, telling a barmaid: "I'm a man. We don't water our drinks."

An inquest at Derby yesterday heard that father-of-two Graham, 58, from Cotmanhay, Derbyshire, later died in his sleep. Tests showed he was nearly five times the drink-drive limit.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

JUSTIN SAVES HIS PAL



POP hunk Justin Timberlake saved a friend from choking on peanuts.

Cool Justin, 23, performed the complicated Heimlich manoeuvre, where the victim is squeezed from behind.

An onlooker said the pals were playing pool when one of them started choking.

He added: "As his friend began to go purple, Justin gave him the Heimlich manoeuvre. It worked."

Poor old rich folk

BRITAIN'S retired homeowners have got £1.06 trillion of equity in their homes but a fifth are living below the poverty line.

Experts say poor returns on investments and lower annuity rates have resulted in many retired homeowners suffering a fall in their disposable income despite the property boom.

The result is they have more than £8.4 billion of personal debt, says a report out today from Economic Lifestyle.

GERI'S PAIR OF WOOF



GERI Halliwell reckons her two dogs have taken after her pal George Michael and turned gay.

The pint-sized pop star claims her pet Shih Tzu, Harry, has been getting a bit too friendly with her Pomeranian pooch, Daddy.

The millionaire chart-topper told ITV1's This Morning: "They are always kissing each other - but are both boys!"

PUPPY LOVE: Geri

Dial for danger

DRIVERS who use mobile phone hands-free kits are still putting other road users' lives at risk.

Motorists on the phone struggle to see danger developing on the road and take longer to brake, according to research by the University of Illinois.

The findings have sparked a call from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents for a complete ban on using phones while driving.

RoSPA spokesman Roger Vincent said: "If you are chatting on the phone you start to tailgate, vary your speed and wander around on the road."



Picture: HUMPHREY NEMAR

ILL? THEN GET BACK TO WORK

DOCTORS are being told to provide a quick-fire remedy to get sick people back to work.

The Government is determined to end Britain's soaring sick-note culture and health chiefs will order GPs to prescribe a speedy return to work as the best medicine.

Insiders say today's long-awaited report on public health will set out the importance of work for better living.

Every year 166 million days are taken as sick leave – and absences of more than 20 days make up a third of the total.

Worried Ministers want to stress the importance of work to physical and mental health and the role that getting back

■ by STEPHEN RIGLEY

to employment can play in recovering from illness.

Insiders say the White Paper will stress that long-term absence can make any illness worse.

Healthy

A Department of Health spokesman said: "Going back to work can be an important step on the road to recovery."

The report will also set out new roles for employers to promote healthy living.

Smoke-free workplaces, tax breaks on bicycles and measures to reduce stress will be cited as ways to secure a happier and healthier workforce.

Frankie's choc horse puts him on a winner

IT'S chocs away for top jockey Frankie Dettori.

The rider took the reins of a special chocolate gee-gee yesterday.

The horse was made by toffee experts Thorntons in west London and Frankie plans to give it to his wife Catherine as a present.

And that could be good news for Frankie and Catherine – a new study revealed that chocolate-loving women have the

■ by MAZ PARTASIDES

best sex because the stuff drives them wild with passion. Researchers in Italy have discovered a vital ingredient in chocolate that boosts sex drive.

Rampant

So women who give in to the choccy cravings have rampant sex lives.

Doctors in Milan looked at lifestyle, eating and sex habits in women and

found coffee, alcohol and cigarettes had no impact on sex, but chocolate is a huge aphrodisiac.

Dr Andrea Salonia, who led the study, said: "Women who have a daily intake of chocolate showed higher levels of desire than women who did not have this habit."

"Chocolate can have a positive impact on a woman's sexuality. It's not like a food. It's a drug."



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STILL GOOD MATES:
Former pupils
Keith Saunders,
left, and Gerry
Clipp, meet
today's classmates
at Elliott School in
Putney, south
London, yesterday.

Picture: JONATHAN BUCKMASTER

Brosnan's old school is Britain's friendliest

■ by MARIANNE PARTASIDES

JAMES Bond's former school has been named the friendliest in Britain.

Elliott School in Putney, south London, topped the list of secondary schools whose former pupils stay in touch the most.

The Friends Reunited website ranked the top 200 schools after looking at the number of messages sent between its 11 million-plus members.

Delighted headmaster Tony Willis said yesterday: "This is fantastic news and will confirm that the positive ethos we work hard at maintaining lives on."

Bond star Pierce Brosnan, 51, is among the comprehensive school's former pupils.

Friends Reunited co-founder Steve Pankhurst said: "These league tables are a testament to the ability of schools, of all kinds, to forge life-long friendships."

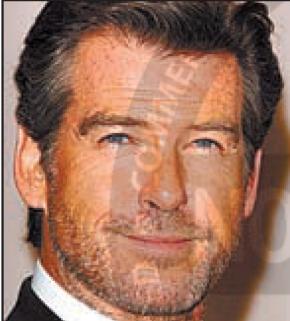
"There appear to be a host of reasons why some schools engender such long-term friendships."

Quality

"But a recurring theme is the quality, consistency and dedication of the teaching staff."

The tables also show that the class of 1963, now aged around 58, is the year that keeps in touch the most.

And the 1960s is the "friendliest decade".



STAR PUPIL: Pierce Brosnan

THE FIVE FRIENDLIES

SCHOOL	NUMBER OF FORMER PUPILS REGISTERED	AVERAGE MESSAGES SENT PER PUPIL	PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS SENDING MESSAGES	FRIENDLINES RATING
Elliott School, Putney, London	4,843	4.47	83%	66.2%
Wakefield Girls' High, West Yorks	2,660	3.43	91%	63.4%
Conyngham (now Ramsgate School), Kent	1,107	7.24	84%	63.3%
Holy Trinity, Kidderminster	686	4.34	90%	63.2%
Queen Elizabeth Boys Grammar, Wakefield	2,344	3.31	90%	63.0%

£10,000 for slur

AN Englishman working in Dublin factory was awarded £10,510 after a woman racially abused and harassed him.

The man, who can't be named, claimed senior colleagues said: "I hate those f***ing English bastards coming over here". The woman, a supervisor at the electronics plant, also said: "Those English bastards are not going to win us." A tribunal yesterday ruled the slurs were offensive.

DISABLED footballer Sam Nunn, 20, last night appealed for someone to sponsor his false leg. Sam plays for Ipswich Town Disabled Football Club, which is desperately trying to raise funds.

Iraq hit Brit to sue US

A BRIT soldier injured when a US tank transporter rammed her vehicle in Iraq is suing the American military.

Cpl Jane McLauchlan, 33, along with three others, is claiming £1.2 million damages.

She suffered multiple skull fractures, fractured neck vertebrae, a punctured lung, and broken leg, ribs and pelvis when thrown from the Land Rover she was driving.

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Toy boys love Paris

SOMEHOW we don't think Paris Hilton will be single for much longer.

The pretty rich girl hit the town – this time in New York rather than her native LA – resembling Barbie more than ever. But while her outfit could be described as scary to say the least, the hotel heiress didn't seem to have a shortage of blokes after her.

The 23-year-old was surrounded by men as she left the Big Apple's Cipriani restaurant.

If Peter Andre wasn't with Jordan, we're sure the Ken-like plastic prat would have been there.

HUSH HUSH

WHICH pop star has been told by her plastic surgeon that she can't have any more work done on her petite body or face – because she has already exceeded the recommended amount? The singer is now worried that she will age in a not-so-flattering way because she has become reliant on a bit of help over the past few years. Who could she be?

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JADE'S POSH!

Babe looks the part – big time

WE never thought we'd see it but Jade Goody seems to be morphing into Posh.

And in her new gear, the Bermondsey babe looked strangely at home shopping in a favourite haunt of Victoria Beckham – LA's Beverly Hills.

Jade's gobby cheap 'n' cheerful look has long been replaced with something approaching style, but her latest incarnation is something else.

The Dynasty-style brunette tresses, huge Jackie-O glasses and skin-tight jeans set off with a bling-bling belt...we've seen it all before.

But not on Jade, 24. What we're looking at, folks, is the legendary uniform of Posh in all its glory.

But if we were not-so-Posh like her, we'd think this had gone too far.

Because, let's

face it, no-one can beat Jade for genuine pikey credentials.

Just think of the horror Victoria's mum, the ever-upwardly mobile Jackie Adams, would feel if she was equated with Jade's mama, a one-armed lesbian?

It doesn't bear thinking about.

Pies

Still, they can take some solace in the fact that the Sarf London bird in Beverly Hills has some way to go to be as polished as 30-year-old Victoria.

Mind you, she just needs to cut down the pies, whack on the hair extensions and a couple of gallons of St Tropez and she'll be there – a Posh lookalike with a bit of meat on her bones.

We'd keep her well away from David if we were you, Vics...

SPIDER-MAN beauty Kirsten Dunst is back together with her fit man Jake Gyllenhaal – and this time it looks like it will be forever.

For the pair, who split in the summer because of their hectic schedules, are an item again now they are less busy.

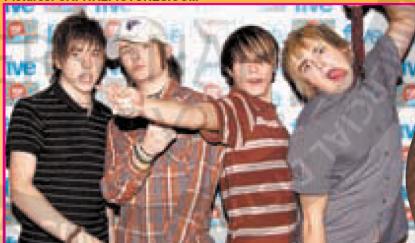
And they are already talking to Jake's mum about plans for an engagement.

A close source said: "Kirsten doesn't speak to her mum but she is close to Jake's.

"They always knew that if they got back together it would have to be a permanent thing, otherwise there would have been no point.

"Plans look to be in place for the pair's engagement and Kirsten and Jake's mum are very excited about the rock she will receive. Sorry girls.

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Nadia pops in

LEGENDARY Big Brother Portu-geez Nadia Almada looked all woman as she arrived at the Ocean Club in Hackney for the filming of Cs's Pop City Live! What a shame her dress sense seems to be all over the place, well somewhere between Shakira and Dot Cotton at least. Still, you can't blame her for showing off those narks, she did pay a fair whack for them.

TALKING of whacks, irritating Busted clones McFly did their best to look uber-cool and punk. To us they look about as dangerous as the Osmonds. Shouldn't they be getting ignored at a high school somewhere?

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